

Inor language

Inor (pronounced [ino:r]), sometimes called **Ennemor**, is an Afroasiatic language spoken in central [Ethiopia](#). One of the [Gurage languages](#), it is mainly spoken within the [Gurage Zone](#) in the [Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region](#), as well as by speakers of the language who have settled in Ethiopian cities, especially [Addis Ababa](#). In addition to the morphological complexity that is common to all Semitic languages, Inor exhibits the very complex morphophonology characteristic of [West Gurage languages](#).

Endegegn, Enner, Gyeto, and the extinct dialect [Mesmes](#) are all sometimes considered dialects of Inor.

Inor possesses [nasal vowels](#), which are unusual for a Gurage language. Many of these may be the result of historical [rhinoglottophilia](#).

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Phonology

Consonants

Inor	
Ennemor	
Native to	Ethiopia
Native speakers	(undated figure of 280,000) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Semitic ▪ South Semitic ▪ Ethiopian Semitic ▪ South ▪ Outer ▪ West Gurage ▪ Inor
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ior
Glottolog	inor1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/inor1238) ^[2]

Inor consonants^[3]

		labial		alveolar	alveo-palatal	palatal	velar			glottal	
		plain	labialized				plain	palatalized	lab.	plain	lab.
Stops and affricates	ejective			t'	tʃ'		k'	k ^j	k ^w		
	voiceless	p	p ^w	t	tʃ		k	k ^j	k ^w	?	?
	voiced	b	b ^w	d	dʒ		g	g ^j	g ^w		
Fricatives	voiceless	f	f ^w	s	ʃ		x	x ^j	x ^w		
	voiced			z	ʒ						
Nasals		m	m ^w	n	ɳ	ɳ	ɳ				
Approximants	plain	β		(l)		j			w		
	nasalized	˜									
Rhotics	plain			r							
	nasalized			˜							

Vowels

Inor vowels^[4]

	front	central	back
high	i	ɨ	u
mid	e	ə	o
low	æ		a

[ɨ] may be regarded as largely epenthetic and only marginally phonemic.^[5]

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